

- ✓ Claim 4, line 1, change "Apparatus" to --The apparatus--;  
change "as in claimed 3" to --of claim 3--;
- ✓ Claim 5, line 1, change "Apparatus" to --The apparatus--;  
change "as in claimed 3" to --of claim 3--;
- ✓ Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, delete the phrase "for use in the apparatus of claims 2 to 5 or method of claim 1";
- ✓ Claim 7, lines 1 and 2, delete the phrase "for use in the apparatus of any one of claims 2 to 5 or method of claim 1";
- ✓ Claim 8, line 1, change "A" to --The--;  
change "as claimed in claim 7" to --of claim 7--;
- ✓ Claim 9, line 1, change "A" to --The--;  
change "as claimed in claim 7" to --of claim 7--;
- ✓ Claim 10, line 1, change "A" to --The--;  
change "as claimed in any preceding claim" to --of claim 7--;
- ✓ Claim 11, line 1, change "A" to --The--;  
change "as claimed in any of claims 7 to 10" to --of claim 7--;
- ✓ Claim 12, line 1, change "A" to --The--;  
change "as claimed in any of claims 7 to 11" to --of claim 7--.

The changes to the claims are introduced to set forth preambles consistent with practice in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and to eliminate multiple dependencies. Consequently, no new matter is introduced to the claims as a result of these changes.

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